



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

October 26, 2017

Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: September 28, 2017

V. Approval of Agenda: October 26, 2017

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Cancellation of November 23 and December 21 Meetings

Background: The November 23 meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day and December 21 is near the holidays in 2017. The SCC usually cancels both meetings as this is a time of low activity for the commission. If a pressing matter arises, staff will schedule a special meeting.

Recommendation: Cancel the November 23 and December 21 meetings and adjourn to the January 25, 2018 meeting.

IX. Old Business

2. FY17-18 Work Plan & Council Presentation – Wrap-up

Background: The SCC's work plan was moved to and unanimously approved on the consent calendar of the October 3, 2017 City Council Meeting. Staff thanks Chair Grilli and Commissioners Arefi, Awasthi, and Tsai for being available to attend the presentation if it had not been approved on consent.

Recommendation: Review annual work plan at the January 25, 2018 meeting.

3. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City

Background: Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this research.

Recommendation: Review and discuss new information as it becomes available.

4. Possible Sister City Relationship with an Indian City

Background: Commissioner Awasthi is lead commissioner for this research. Recent research with Bangalore (Bengaluru) continues and a new possible city, Gurugram, will also be researched.

Recommendation: Receive report from Commissioner Awasthi.

5. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program

Background: The SCC discussed five possible community promotion areas at its May 25 meeting. Social and print media were decided to be the most favorable outlets to promote the program.

Recommendation: Discuss progress made in these areas.

6. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: This project began in mid-October with 48 students and includes Dagupan and Huizhou sister cities.

Recommendation: Receive staff update.

7. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

8. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Tsai is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

9. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Vice Chair Chang is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

10. Student Liaison Report

11. City Council Liaison Report

12. School District Liaison Report

13. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Possible New Business: as noted by SCC members and approved by the Chair.

14. Adjournment

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